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Enabling and impowering the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, and their Succeſſors, to ſell and convey to the Right honourable *George* Earl of *Pomfret*, the Lordſhip and Manor of *Oxenforde*, with the Meſſuages, Lands, and Hereditaments, thereto belonging; and for applying the Purchaſe-money to the Purpoſes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS by Letters Patent, bearing Date at *Weſtminſter* the Twenty-ſixth Day of *June*, in the Seventh Year of the Reign of his Majeſty King *Edward* the Sixth, Reciting, That foraſmuch as his ſaid Majeſty mercifully conſidering the miſerable Eſtate of the poor, fatherleſs, lame, aged, ſick, ſore, and weak People, infected with divers and ſundry kinds of Diſeaſes; and alſo perceiving and conſidering the honeſt and

godly Endeavour of his moſt humble and obedient Subjects, the then Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, who diligently, by all Manner of Means and Ways, ſtudied and travelled for the good Proviſion of the aforeſaid poor People, and for every Sort of the ſame; and that in ſuch wiſe, that neither the Children being in their Infancy ſhould lack honeſt Education and Inſtruction, neither when they ſhould be of upper Years, ſhould then be deſtitute of honeſt Means and Occupations, wherein honeſtly to exerciſe themſelves in ſome good Faculty and Science, for the Profit and Utility of the Commonwealth; neither that the deceaſed or ſick Perſons, when they ſhould be recovered and reſtored to good Health, ſhould be permitted to remain idle, and wander abroad as Vagabonds in the Commonwealth; but that even ſuch ſhould be put and kept to Labours and honeſt and wholeſome Exerciſes: His ſaid Majeſty King *Edward* the Sixth, as well for the Conſiderations aforeſaid, as of his eſpecial Goodneſs, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, deſiring not only the Furtherance, Amplifying, and Increaſe of ſo honeſt and noble a Work; but alſo vouchſafing to take upon him the Patronage of that moſt excellent and laudable Foundation then late renewed, did give and grant unto the ſaid then Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the ſaid City of *London*, (among other Manors, Lands, and Hereditaments therein mentioned,) all that the Lordſhip and Manor called *Oxenforde*, in *Colkenyngton*, in the County of *Middleſex*, with all the Rights, Members, Liberties, and Appurtenances (then late unto the King's Hoſpital called the *Savoye*, in the Pariſh of *Saint Clements of Danes*, without the Bars of the *New Temple* in *London*, then diſſolved, belonging and appertaining, and being Parcel of the Poſſeſſions thereof); and alſo all and ſingular the Meſſuages, Mills, Tofts, Cottages, Houſes, Buildings, Barns, Stables, Dove-houſes, Orchards, Gardens, Lands, Tenements, Meadows, Feeding-places, Paſtures, Commons, Heaths, Buſhes, Marſhes, Woods, Underwoods Fiſh-ponds, Fiſhings, Rents, Reverſions, and Services and Rents reſerved upon all manner of Demiſes and Grants; and alſo all Courts Leets, View of Frankpledge and Chattles, Wayſes and Strayes, Free Warrens, Goods and Chattles of Felons and fugitive Perſons, and Felons of themſelves, and Perſons driven to Exigents and Deodands; and alſo the Knights Services, Wards, Marriages, Eſcheats, Reliefs, Heriots,

riots, Fines, Amerciaments, and all other Rights, Profits, Commodities, Emoluments, Revenues, and Hereditaments whatſoever, with the Appurtenances in *Oxenforde*, in the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, and elſewhere whereſoever they be within the ſaid County, unto the ſaid Lordſhip and Manor in anywiſe belonging or appertaining, or as Members, Parts, or Parcels of the ſame Lordſhip and Manor before that Time had, accepted, uſed, or reputed; and all, and all manner of Woods, Underwoods, and Trees whatſoever, in and upon the Premiſſes growing and being, and all the Land, Ground, and Soil of the ſame Woods, Underwoods, and Trees, and Reverſions and Revenues whatſoever of all and ſingular the Premiſſes, and of every Parcel thereof; and alſo all Rents and yearly Profits whatſoever, reſerved upon all Manner of Demiſes and Grants of the Premiſſes, or of any Part or Parcel of the ſame in anywiſe made, as perfectly, freely, and wholly, and in as ample Manner and Form, with all and ſingular ſuch Liberties, Franchiſes, Juriſdictions, and Commodities, as any Maſter or Governor of the ſaid late Hoſpital, or any other the Premiſſes, or any Parcel of the ſame, having thentofore Poſſeſſion, or being ſeized thereof, or of any Parcel thereof ever had, holden, had, or enjoyed, or ought to have had, holden, or enjoyed, and that as fully, freely, and entirely, and in as ample Manner and Form, as all and ſingular the Premiſſes unto his ſaid Majeſty's Hands, by Reaſon or Pretence of the Diſſolution of the ſaid late Hoſpital, or by Reaſon of any other Gift, Conceſſion, or Surrender thereof, unto his ſaid Majeſty made, or by any otherways Right or Title had happened, or ought to have happened, and in his ſaid Majeſty's Hands did then remain, or of Right ſhould remain, to have, hold, and enjoy the ſaid Manor, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and all and ſingular the Premiſſes, with all and every their Appurtenances, unto the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, to the proper Uſe and Behoof of the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors for ever, to be holden of his ſaid Majeſty, his Heirs, and Succeſſors, as of the Manor of *Grenewyche* in the County of *Kent*, in free Soccage, that is to ſay, by Fealtie only, and not in Capite, for all Services and Demands whatſoever therefore to his ſaid Majeſty, his Heirs, or Succeſſors, in anywiſe to be yielded, paid, or done: And moreover his ſaid Majeſty, of his more abundant

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Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, did thereby, for himſelf and his Succeſſors, give and grant unto the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, and to their Succeſſors, that they the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, might have, hold, and in full Right enjoy and uſe all, and all manner of Courts Leets, Views of Frankpledge, and whatſoever appertain or belong unto Views of Frankpledge, or in anywiſe may or ought to appertain or belong, the Aſſize and Aſſays of Bread, Wine, and Beer, Strays, Goods and Chattles, Waifes, and Goods and Chattles of Felons, Fugitives, Park, Free Warren, and all that appertain unto Free Warren, or ought to appertain, and other his ſaid Majeſty's Liberties, Privileges, Juriſdictions, Profits, Commodities, and Emoluments whatſoever, in the ſaid Lordſhip and Manor of *Oxenforde*, and the Meſſuages, Lands, and other the Premiſſes, with their Appurtenances, and in every Parcel thereof, and which his ſaid Majeſty then held and had held, and in as ample Manner and Form as his ſaid Majeſty then, or his Progenitors at any Time thentofore had had, holden, and enjoyed the aforeſaid Manor and Premiſſes, and every Part and Parcel of the ſame, which then, or in Times then paſt had been holden, or known to be, or had been Parcel or Member to the ſaid Manor, belonging or in anywiſe appertaining; and alſo whatſoever the Maſter of the ſaid then late Hoſpital, or any of his Predeceſſors, then lately in the Right of the ſame Hoſpital, in the ſaid Manor, Lands, Tenements, and other the Premiſſes, with their Appurtenances, or any Parcel of the ſame, at any Time had had, holden, or enjoyed, or ought to have had, holden, and enjoyed, by Reaſon of any Letters Patents by his ſaid Majeſty or any of his Progenitors, or by reaſon of any Charter, Gift, Grant, Preſcription, Uſe, or Cuſtom, or other Means whatſoever: And further his ſaid Majeſty did thereby give and grant unto the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City, aforeſaid, all and all manner of Iſſues, Rents, Revenues, and Profits of the aforeſaid Manor, Lands, Tenements, and other the Premiſſes, with all and ſingular the Appurtenances, from the Twelfth Day of *June* then laſt paſt, iſſuing, growing, or in anywiſe ariſing, to have and enjoy all the aforeſaid Iſſues, Rents, Revenues, and Profits, to them the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, as well by their own proper Hands, as by the Hands of the Receivers, Bayliffs,

Bayliffs, Farmers, Tenants, and Occupiers of the ſaid Manor, Lands, Tenements, and other the Premiſſes, with their Appurtenances, without Accompt, or any other Thing for the Premiſſes or any of them, to his ſaid Majeſty, his Heirs, or Succeſſors, to be rendered, paid, or done.

And whereas his ſaid Majeſty did, by his ſaid Letters Patent, incorporate the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, by the Name of Governors of the Poſſeſſions, Revenues, and Goods of the Hoſpitals of *Edward* the Sixth, King of *England*, of *Chriſt*, *Bridewell*, and *Saint Thomas the Apoſtle*.

And whereas the Meſſuages and Lands belonging to the ſaid Lordſhip and Manor of *Oxenforde*, comprized in the ſaid Letters Patent, formerly called *Oxenforde* Farm, have for many Years now paſt been called, or known by the Name of *Somerton*'s; and the ſame are now held under a Leaſe thereof, dated the Twenty-firſt Day of *June*, One thouſand Seven hundred and Forty-three, made to *Peter St. Eloy*, Eſquire, (ſince deceaſed,) for the Term of Thirty-one Years, at the yearly Rent of Fifteen Pounds (Six Years and Three Quarters of a Year of which ſaid Leaſe and Term were to come, and unexpired at *Chriſtmas* laſt.)

And whereas the ſaid Lordſhip and Manor of *Oxenforde*, and the ſaid Meſſuages, Lands, and Hereditaments thereto belonging, formerly called *Oxenforde* Farm, and now and for many Years paſt, called *Somerton*'s, being contiguous to, and partly intermixed with the Lands and Hereditaments of the Right honourable *George* Earl of *Pomfret*, at *Sunbury*, in the County of *Middleſex*, he, the ſaid Earl of *Pomfret*, hath propoſed to become the Purchaſer thereof, at and for the Sum of Three Thouſand Pounds: And in regard the ſame Premiſſes lie at a conſiderable Diſtance from any other Lands and Hereditaments, veſted in the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, for the charitable Purpoſes in the ſaid Letters Patent mentioned; and the ſaid Sum of Three Thouſand Pounds, being, upon an accurate Survey of the ſaid Premiſſes made on the Behalf of the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, found to be a very large Price for the ſame, and extreamly beneficial for the ſaid Charity, ſo inſtituted and eſtabliſhed as aforeſaid, the rather for that Op-

portunities frequently offer of purchaſing other Lands, intermixed with, and contiguous to the other Eſtates belonging to the ſaid Charity; the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, Governors of the Poſſeſſions, Revenues, and Goods of the Hoſpitals of *Edward* the Sixth, King of *England*, of *Chriſt*, *Bridewell*, and *Saint Thomas the Apoſtle*, (deſirous to augment and improve the ſaid charitable Donation, as much as in them lieth,) are ready and willing to accept the ſaid Three Thouſand Pounds ſo propoſed to be given by the ſaid Earl of *Pomfret*; and to convey the ſaid Lordſhip and Manor of *Oxenforde*, with the Meſſuages, Lands, and Hereditaments thereto belonging, and the Fee-ſimple and Inheritance thereof, (ſubject to the ſaid Leaſe, under the Conditions thereof,) to him the ſaid Earl of *Pomfret*, his Heirs and Aſſigns accordingly; but in as much as the ſame cannot be effected, without the Aid and Authority of Parliament:

Wherefore your Majeſty's moſt dutiful Subject the ſaid *George* Earl of *Pomfret*

Doth moſt humbly beſeech your MAJESTY;

That it may be **Enacted**, **And be it Enacted** by the KING's moſt excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That (for and notwithſtanding the ſaid herein-before mentioned Letters Patent) it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the ſaid City of *London*, Governors of the Poſſeſſions, Revenues, and Goods of the Hoſpitals of *Edward* the Sixth, King of *England*, of *Chriſt*, *Bridewell*, and *Saint Thomas the Apoſtle*, and their Succeſſors; and they are hereby abſolutely authoriſed, impowered, and directed, upon Payment by the ſaid *George* Earl of *Pomfret*, his Heirs, Executors, or Adminiſtrators, of the ſaid Sum of Three Thouſand Pounds ſo propoſed by him to be paid for the Purchaſe of the ſaid Premiſſes as aforeſaid, into the Bank of *England*, in ſuch Manner as is herein-after mentioned, to grant, convey, and aſſure, or cauſe and procure to be granted, conveyed, and aſſured, unto and to the Uſe and Behoof of the ſaid *George* Earl of *Pomfret*, his Heirs and Aſſigns for ever, or unto ſuch Perſon or Perſons, as he or they ſhall in that Be-

half order, direct, or appoint, by ſuch Acts, Deeds, Conveyances, and Aſſurances in the Law, under the Common Seal, for the Confirmation of their Affairs in the Government of the ſaid Hoſpitals, as by the Council of the ſaid Earl or of his Heirs or Aſſigns ſhall be reaſonably adviſed or required. All that the ſaid Lordſhip and Manor called *Oxenforde* in *Colkenyngton*; and alſo all thoſe the ſaid Meſſuages, Lands, and Hereditaments thereto belonging, formerly called *Oxenforde* Farm, and now and for many Years paſt called *Somerton*'s, or by whatſoever other Name or Names the ſame are or have been called or known, ſituate and being in or near *Sunbury* in the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, with all the Rights, Members, Liberties, and Appurtenances thereto belonging, or therewith held and enjoyed; and alſo all and ſingular the Meſſuages, Mills, Tofts, Cottages, Houſes, Buildings, Barns, Stables, Dove-houſes, Orchards, Gardens, Lands, Tenements, Meadows, Feeding-places, Paſtures, Commons, Heaths, Buſhes, Marſhes, Woods, Underwoods, and Trees, and the Ground and Soil thereof, Fiſhponds, Fiſhings, Rents, Reverſions, and Services and Rents reſerved upon all manner of Demiſes and Grants, Courts, Courts Leets, View of Frankpledge and Chattles, Waifs, and Strays, Free Warrens, Goods and Chattles of Felons and Fugitive Perſons, and Felons of themſelves, and Perſons driven to Exigents, Deodands, Treaſure, Trove, Knights Services, Wards, Marriages, Eſcheats, Reliefs, Herriots, Fines, Amerciaments, and all other Rights, Liberties, Privileges, Franchiſes, Juriſdictions, Profits, Commodities, Emoluments, Revenues, and Hereditaments whatſoever, to the ſaid Lordſhip and Manor, Meſſuages, Lands, Hereditaments, and Premiſſes ſo propoſed to be purchaſed by the ſaid *George* Earl of *Pomfret*, or any of them belonging, or in anywiſe appertaining, or with them or any of them held, uſed, occupied, or enjoyed, or accepted, reputed, deemed, taken, or known as Part, Parcel, or Member of them or any of them, and the Reverſion and Reverſions, Remainder and Remainders, yearly and other Rents, Iſſues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof; and all the Eſtate, Right, Title, Intereſt, Uſe, Truſt, Benefit, Property, Claim, and Demand whatſoever, both at Law and in Equity, of them the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, Governors as aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, of, in, unto, and out of the ſame Premiſſes; and every,

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or any Part or Parcel thereof, freed, and abſolutely acquitted, exonerated, and diſcharged of and from the ſeveral Uſes, Eſtates, Limitations, Truſts, Powers, Proviſoes, and Clauſes, in and by the ſaid Letters Patent, limited, created, declared, mentioned, and contained, of and concerning the ſaid Lordſhip and Manor, Meſſuages, Lands, and Hereditaments, ſo propoſed to be purchaſed by the ſaid Earl of *Pomfret* as aforeſaid.

And it is hereby Enacted and Declared, That the Certificate or Certificates, to be given by the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, together with the Receipt or Receipts of the Caſhier of the Bank, to be thereto annexed, under his Hand, and therewith filed in the Regiſter Office of the ſaid Court of Chancery, ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge to the ſaid *George* Earl of *Pomfret*, his Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, for the ſaid Purchaſe-money; and after ſuch Certificate or Certificates, Receipt or Receipts, ſhall be ſo given as aforeſaid, the ſaid *George* Earl of *Pomfret*, his Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, ſhall be, and he and they is and are hereby abſolutely freed, acquitted, and diſcharged of and from the ſaid Purchaſe-money; and he, they, or any of them, after ſuch Certificate or Certificates, and Receipt or Receipts, ſhall be ſo given, ſhall not be anſwerable or accountable for any Loſs, Miſapplication or Non-application of the ſaid Purchaſe-money, or any Part thereof; and the ſaid *George* Earl of *Pomfret*, his Heirs, and Aſſigns, ſhall have, hold, and enjoy the ſaid Lordſhip and Manor, Meſſuages, Lands, and Hereditaments, by this Act directed to be conveyed to him, and all the Rights, Members, Eaſements, Liberties, Privileges, and Appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywiſe appertaining, or therewith now, or at any Time heretofore, held, uſed, occupied, and enjoyed, and that free and clear, and freely and clearly acquitted, exonerated, releaſed, and diſcharged, of, from, and againſt the Claims and Demands of all Bodies Corporate and Politic, and all Perſons claiming or to claim, by, from, or under the ſaid herein-before mentioned Letters Patent (except the Perſon or Perſons now intitled to the ſaid Leaſe made to the ſaid *Peter St. Eloy*, as aforeſaid).

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Sum of Three Thouſand Pounds ſhall, with the Approbation of the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, Governors of the Poſſeſſions, Revenues, and Goods of the Hoſpitals of *Edward* the Sixth, King of *England*, of *Chriſt*, *Bridewell*, and *Saint Thomas the Apoſtle*, intirely, or in Parcels, be inveſted or laid out in One or more Purchaſe or Purchaſes of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments in Fee-ſimple in Poſſeſſion, to be ſituated ſomewhere in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, and to be free from Incumbrances, and to be conveyed to them the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, Governors of the Poſſeſſions, Revenues, and Goods of the Hoſpitals of *Edward* the Sixth, King of *England*, of *Chriſt*, *Bridewell*, and *Saint Thomas the Apoſtle*, and their Succeſſors, upon the ſame Truſts, and for the ſame Intents and Purpoſes as are in and by the ſaid Letters Patent mentioned and declared, of and concerning the ſaid Hereditaments and Premiſſes ſo directed to be conveyed to, and to the Uſe of the ſaid Earl of *Pomfret*, his Heirs and Aſſigns as aforeſaid.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Purchaſe-money, or Sum of Three Thouſand Pounds, ſhall be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the ſaid Court of Chancery, and ſhall be placed to his Account there *ex parte* the ſaid Earl of *Pomfret*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, purſuant to the Method preſcribed by the Act of the Twelfth Year of King *George* the Firſt, Chapter the Thirty-ſecond, and the General Orders of the ſaid Court, without Fee or Reward, according to the Act of the Twelfth Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* the Second, Chapter the Twenty-fourth; and which Money, ſo to be paid into the Bank, ſhall there remain until a convenient and proper Purchaſe or Purchaſes ſhall be found and approved of as aforeſaid, whereon to lay out or inveſt the ſaid Sum of Three Thouſand Pounds; and ſhall, upon a Petition to the Court of Chancery in a ſummary Way, at the Expence of the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citi-

zens, Governors of the Poſſeſſions, Revenues, and Goods of the Hoſpitals of *Edward* the Sixth, King of *England*, of *Chriſt*, *Bridewell*, and *Saint Thomas the Apoſtle*, and their Succeſſors, be paid out of the Bank, for completing ſuch Purchaſe or Purchaſes, in ſuch manner as the ſaid Court ſhall in that Caſe order and direct.

And it is hereby further Enacted and Declared, That the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, Governors as aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, ſhall and may, by and out of the Rents and Profits of the Premiſſes ſo to be purchaſed, be reimburſed all ſuch Coſts, Charges, and Expences, as they ſhall or may be put unto, in and about the Purchaſe of the Premiſſes.

Saving always to the KING's moſt Excellent MAJESTY, his Heirs and Succeſſors, and to all and every other Perſon and Perſons, Bodies Politic and Corporate, his, her, and their reſpective Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, and Aſſigns, (other than and except the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the ſaid City of *London*, Governors of the Poſſeſſions, Revenues, and Goods of the Hoſpitals of *Edward* the Sixth, King of *England*, of *Chriſt*, *Bridewell*, and *Saint Thomas the Apoſtle*; and their Succeſſors; and the ſaid herein-before mentioned Hoſpitals of *Chriſt*, *Bridewell*, and *Saint Thomas the Apoſtle*; and all other Perſons claiming or to claim any Eſtate, Uſe, Truſt, Right, Intereſt, Claim, or Demand, either at Law or in Equity, of, in, to, or out of the ſaid Premiſſes, to be conveyed to, and to the Uſe and Behoof of the ſaid Earl of *Pomfret*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, by, from, or under the ſaid herein before recited Letters Patent,) all ſuch Eſtate, Right, Title, Intereſt, Claim, and Demand whatſoever, of, in, to, or out of the ſaid Lordſhip and Manor, Meſſuages, Lands, and Hereditaments, ſo by this Act directed to be conveyed to the ſaid Earl of *Pomfret*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, as they, every or any of them had before the Paſſing of this Act, or could or might have had and enjoyed in caſe this Act had not been made.

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